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In order for the National Broadband Plan to come into full effect, the reallocation of broadcast spectrum must be the first priority of the Federal Communications Commission. Money needs to be raised now for the Connect America Fund if the plan is to accomplish all of the outlined goals. With sufficient funds the NBP can be fulfilled, which will help the United States advance its rating in global technological achievement.

An article from "Broadcasting and Cable Mobile" in 2009, discussed alternatives to reclaiming spectrum from broadcasters. Dynamic spectrum sharing, compression and modulation improvements were just a few of the possibilities discussed in a hearing by the House Energy & Commerce Committee Communications Subcommittee. Independent Consultant Dale Hatfield argued, however, "the most promising avenues were reclaiming spectrum and sharing" (Eggerton, 2009). More efficient allocation of spectrum will benefit consumers, businesses, the government, healthcare and an array of other sectors through better performance and lower prices.

Although local broadcasting will need to be reconfigured, the benefits to the national public exceed the losses of local content in certain communities. Reallocating spectrum will further other goals of the NBP including creating universal availability and adoption of broadband to all communities in the United States.

Eggerton, J. (n.d.). *Broadcast, Wireless Industries Keep Powder Dry* *Walden says Benjamin essay about killing broadcasting was "abomination."* Retrieved from Broadcasting and Cable Mobile website:<http://www.broadcastingcable.com/article/>